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**TENNESSEE STATE CAMP MEET-
ING AND CONVENTION**

It seemed to be the general con-
sensus of opinion that the 1948 camp
meeting and convention was the best
in the history of the Church in this
state. The attendance was good from
the first service, and the spiritual tide
was high. The unity, love, and fellow-
ship among the ministers and laity
was excellent. The first service was
great and encouraging. It seemed to
fire the souls of all and gave assur-
ance for a good camp meeting.

Evangelist Ray Hughes brought the
first message, after which the altars
were filled with seekers and a number
prayed through. The second night,
the power of God fell in such a won-
derful way no one preached, but a
great altar call resulted. The third
night, Evangelist Luther Turner
brought a great message on the Holy
Ghost.

Outstanding lectures and sermons
were delivered during the day by Cleo
Watts, J. A. Cross, Thea Jones, James
L. Slay, H. L. Whittington, J. H. Walk-
er, A. H. Batts, and B. L. Alford. All
the speakers seemed to be at their best.
No other preachers can do better
preaching than the Tennessee preach-
ers.

Friday and Saturday was given to
the young people and, of course, the
job was well done under the able guid-
ance of R. E. Williams, National Youth
Director, and Jack Crawford, state
youth director. All their speakers did
well and their discussions were inter-
esting. The high light of Friday eve-
ning was a great message by Jack
Crawford, and the closing service Sat-
urday night featured a very interest-
ing orphanage program, J. A. Muncy,
Superintendent, in charge.

This great camp meeting and state
convention was consummated on Sun-
day morning by a special mission ser-
vice, with Brother W. M. Baltau and
wife as guest speakers. Both the
speakers were very interesting and the
congregation was greatly moved as
they told of the need and opportuni-
ties in faraway China where they have
long labored and expect to return.
Brother and Sister Baltau are travel-
ing over the State and are having
some fine services in interest of mis-
sions. Brother Baltau is a teacher, as
well as a great preacher. I have never
heard a more able missionary speaker
than he.

Tennessee now has 156 churches and
the membership has well passed 9,000,
which represents more than a 50 per
cent increase in four years. The in-
crease in property value for three
years was \$750,000. The estimate for
this year is not yet available.—U. D.
Tidwell, State Overseer.

**NEW ENGLAND STATES CON-
VENTION**

The New England States conven-
tion, which convened at Appleton,
Maine, was one of the greatest conven-

tions ever held there. We believe there
was as large or a larger attendance
than ever before. It seemed that right
from the beginning the services were
backed by the presence and power of
God. Each minister was at his best,
and apparently the cooperation could
not have been better.

We were happy to have as our guest
speaker Rev. E. H. Miles, one of our
outstanding young evangelists from
Virginia. His fine sermons will be long
remembered among the New England
folk. Brother Chesser, our Assistant
General Overseer, and his family were
with us the last three days, and really
God did use him in a mighty way in
expounding the truth of God's Word.
We were made to say, "Didn't our
hearts burn within us!"

A goodly number were saved, sancti-
fied, baptized with the Holy Ghost,
baptized in water, and added to the
church.

The mission offering exceeded that
of last year by almost three hundred
dollars.—Clerk of Convention, Mrs.
J. B. Camp.

**The Lee College Alumni As-
sociation will have a called
meeting at the General Assem-
bly on Sunday, August 29.
All Alumni members are urged
to be present. Please join us in
our efforts to do great things
for our school.**

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OLD CAMP-MEETING DAYS

Edgar M. Pace

Long ago when but a boy, at old camp-meeting time,
How my heart would leap for joy to hear the old bell chime,
Calling all the saints of God into the house of prayer;
Oh, such praying, singing, shouting, for the Lord was there.

I remember father dear, in that old-fashioned day,
How his voice would rise and swell, when he began to pray;
Higher, higher it would rise until I seemed to feel
God would save us ev'ry one from death's eternal hell.

Preachers in those good old days were filled with holy flame,
Preaching for the souls of men and not for worldly fame;
Under such old-fashioned preaching sinners fell to pray,
And the Lord would save them in the good old-fashioned way.

In these latter days, they say there is no use to pray,
All we need, is think religion, 'tis a better way;
But I'm glad to tell you, brother, Jesus saves from sin,
In the old-time way He saved me, now He dwells within.

CHORUS

I like the old-time preaching, praying, singing, shouting,
I like the old-time reading of God's Word;
I like to hear those old-time "hallelujah's," glory;
I like the old-time worship of the Lord.

CAMP MEETINGS! CAMP MEETINGS! GREAT CAMP MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE NATION!

This issue is dedicated to the camp meetings. Some have already been reported and some reports were not received in time for this issue.

God is abundantly blessing. Many thousands have enjoyed the good old camp meetings this year. At these camp meetings more time is given to the ministry of the study of the Word of God. Here we have the best of preaching, singing, and consecration services. At our international General Assembly we are forced to give so much time to the business that our state camp meetings are now all becoming more and more the great inspirational and devotional centers.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching," Heb. 10:25.

GEORGIA'S GIGANTIC GYRATIONS, GOOD GUMPTION, AND GLORIOUS GATHERING

Read the following and you will see that Georgia is really wide awake, full of enthusiasm, vision and vitality, proving her faith by her works. This is just another example of what cooperation by the help of God can do.

Rev. A. V. Beaube, state overseer, the ministry, laity, and friends certainly have gone round and round in a whirlwind of accomplishments. The first gyration was by the committee going round and round looking for locations. Then next with a unanimous decision they were swept

into a whirl developing this gigantic proposition. They were still whirling, gathering momentum as they went, when they bought the sawmill, and all the ministers in various shifts came in, fell the trees, did the logging, sawing, stacking, and building. I was told that the pastor of the Hemp-hill Church of God, Rev. A. M. Phillips, the neat little man, apparently a thousand miles from logging, donned overalls, took over a logging truck which had no cab nor back to the seat, and worked day after day until the job was done. Space will not permit giving credit to all, but I heard the overseer say, "I was present and turned the first shovel of dirt, helped dig the trenches for the first footing of concrete, and stayed with them until the last brick was laid. I went up on the tower as far as I thought it was safe for an elephant to go, and handed lumber to others as we completed it." (Incidentally, Brother Beaube still weighs about 290 and is six feet two inches tall.)

When they considered building they consulted a contractor and soon found his prices impossible, for he had figured himself safe, plus his extra per cents for supervision; so they decided to do it themselves. The labor would have cost them from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per hour, so they decided again to do this work themselves. Strange as it may seem, among the ministry in Georgia are men experienced as carpenters, masons, electricians, plumbers, saw-mill men, and everything they needed.

Well, I know all of you are agreed that they used **good gumption**—common sense, ready perception, quick wittedness—in deciding for all of them to do this great job by themselves and save the thousands of dollars. They have increased the property value, conservatively, \$76,300; that, plus the cost of \$72,300, which was a small per cent of the original cost, makes the property worth approximately \$150,000. If the improvements had been made at the present cost of building, the price would have been much greater. They owe now only about \$60,000 on the entire camp and improvements.

The glorious gathering of the people of God came from all over the State. Numbers of unsaved persons were saved, sanctified, and many prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They had outstanding camp meeting speakers: Rev. R. P. Johnson, whom they called the "camp meeting war-horse"; Rev. T. W. Godwin; and Rev. Thea F. Jones, the evening evangelistic speaker, the "Walking Bible," a nationally known evangelist, pastor and radio preacher.

It was my privilege to attend the camp meeting on the last day, which was devoted to business and finally the dedication of the tabernacle, after raising the remaining \$2,500 in the last service to pay the entire indebtedness on the tabernacle.

COMMISSION ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Clyde Taylor, director of the Washington office, Commission on Foreign Missions, reported that during the past year he has spent nearly three-fourths of his time working for N. A. E.; has travelled 62,000 miles on behalf of N. A. E. The office has carried on about the customary volume of foreign mission service. The Washington office has served over eighty boards; the New York office, sixty boards.



Ohio had a great old-fashioned camp meeting and convention at the campground near Lancaster (shown above), June 10-20. This was reported in the Evangel of July 31. The attendance was reported to be the largest they have ever had, and those present have not forgotten how God so wonderfully blessed throughout the services.

The Georgia State Camp Meeting

The Georgia camp meeting and state convention convened near Atlanta, on the campgrounds, July 13-22. Thousands witnessed the first camp meeting under the huge steel tabernacle recently erected. The ministers of Georgia had worked in groups many hours daily under the leadership of our state overseer, A. V. Beaubé. Through their tireless efforts it was made possible to assemble for our first evening service under the well constructed tabernacle. Your reporter selected to write this camp meeting was privileged to report for the Georgia camp meeting of 1932. At this camp meeting plans were formulated for the building of a state campground; however, not until 1948, under the supervision of our present state overseer, A. V. Beaubé, did the campground materialize.

THE TABERNACLE

Georgia, at last, in her stride, has erected, in a network of steel, the largest completed tabernacle and campground in the Church of God. The tabernacle stands 92 feet wide, 128 feet long and 65 feet to the top of the steeple where a seven foot neon sign and cross glows upon the words "Jesus

Saves." Carpets cover the large rostrum and altar space. The tabernacle is lighted brightly with fourteen large fluorescent lights. Many yards of cement went into the floor space, giving the tabernacle a durable floor. One high light of the location is that it faces a leading federal highway out of Atlanta. The tabernacle and camp site stands as a representative to the many thousands traveling the highway, leaving the impression that the Church of God stands sure. The top of the tabernacle is covered with an aluminum foil which reflects 95 per cent of the sun rays, making it very comfortable during the hot days.

THE SPEAKERS

Our leading ministers were selected to speak during the camp meeting, and they did a splendid masterpiece. Rev. R. P. Johnson, the morning speaker, a man with a million friends and many years behind the gospel plow, in his same style of preaching, delivered several inspiring messages of interest. Brother Johnson has been a father to the ministry of the Church of God. Brother J. Frank Spivey, of Greenville, S. C., was one of the afternoon speakers. Brother Spivey force-

fully delivered many messages, each carrying with it a knockout punch to discouragement and inserting a glow of new hope and inspiration into our very hearts. Brother T. W. Godwin, well known for his manner of preaching, each afternoon brought to us a message filled with rich grace and a deeper outlook for the ministry. His sermons were greatly enjoyed by both the ministry and laity. The evening services were evangelistic, high-lighted with good singing by the large choir and special singing by the LeFevre Trio and other singers. Thousands were in attendance at each night service. The glory of God at times filled the large tabernacle and shouts were sounded to the top heavens. Brother Thea Jones did the night preaching. He was the man behind the man behind the gun. Many came for prayer and several were blessed. The ministers of the State did some fine preaching and they were not a whit behind the chief apostles. Their messages stirred our hearts.

DISTRICT REPORTING

The progress of the state work was brought out during the reporting of the district overseers. Each district showed remarkable progress throughout the State. There was a total of 6,106 souls saved, 3,782 sanctified, 2,571 filled with the Holy Ghost, 1,155 baptized in water, and 1,913 added to the church. Eleven new churches have been organized, with 14 new parsonages erected. The total value of the new parsonages amounted to \$68,550. May we put in a plug here? The Lindale parsonage is valued at \$18,000. It has been said to be the best in the State, and it is not far excelled in any state. There is only a \$2,000 indebtedness on this parsonage. Twenty new church buildings were built in Georgia, valued at \$112,200. Other improvements of the districts amounted to \$89,275.

IN GENERAL

The dining room was operated under the direction of Sister Beaubé. She did a fine job in caring for the large crowds. She presented to the camp meeting at one time the amount of \$1,500 to be applied on the tabernacle. The service was on the cafeteria style and the eats were well prepared. The campground police department was excellent! The brethren did a nice job. Parking cars was the big task, but the order was above the average. Not one car horn sounded on the grounds, to the writer's knowledge.

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1948 Kentucky State Camp Meeting and Youth Convention

Another great camp meeting and youth convention are now in history, but the good derived from them will long live in the hearts and lives of those who were present. The many ministers, members and friends from throughout the State of Kentucky, and the large number of visitors whom we were so happy to welcome, were wonderfully blessed by the great outpouring of the blessings of God.

The first message of the meeting was a major assault on the enemy by Rev. Sam Morris, embodying the various ways by which people may directly oppose the liquor traffic, or carelessly allow it to gain in strength and power.

On the following morning was the opening service of another youth convention—another convocation for the propagation of the Gospel by and for the young people, under the direction of Rev. Manuel F. Campbell, state youth director. How encouraging it was to see so many young ministers conduct such wonderful services and take their stand for old-time Pentecostal salvation. Many inspiring sermons were spiritually invigorating and touched the hearts of many who felt the call to the colors in the realm of consecrated service for the Master. A forum and discussion on current issues facing the youth, and the exposition of the Sunday School lesson by Mr. C. M. Truesdell, associate Editor of youth literature, were very enlightening and helpful in making better workers for the Lord. Values of our Bible schools, especially Lee College, to the ministry and local churches were pointed out in an effort to influence those who have the opportunity of acquiring further education in a place where the spiritual needs of the students are of concern. The youth convention came to a close Sunday morning with a blessed service set aside for missions, in which Rev. L. H. Aultman, state overseer, delivered a powerful message entitled "God Gives Man a Definite Call." The audience not only gave a large amount for missions, but many people, especially the youth, came to the altar in consecration to God, asking Him to help and guide them.

The messages throughout the camp meeting were rich, with the power and inspiration from above to encourage, strengthen, and bless the souls in the audience who gathered so regularly to listen; and the Lord so wonderfully blessed through the special songs. Rev. Leonard Newton expressed the yearning of the soul in singing "It's My Desire to Be Like My Lord"; the Lee College Trio (Morris Riggs, Don Aultman, and Pete Shaida), brought the reassurance that "He Knows How Much We Can Bear"; Rev. J. H. Walker so vividly portrayed "The Ninety and Nine"; and Professor Otis L. McCoy, Music Editor, stirred the hearts of the people with gratitude as he sang, "What kind of a world would this be if Christ had not been willing to come to earth and die?" and "When God Dips His Love in My Heart."

We were honored in having with us Rev. H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer, and Rev. R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer, whose messages added so very much to the success of the meeting. Other distinguished visitors who contributed much to the services including Rev. J. H. Walker, Editor-in-Chief; Rev. E. C. Clark, Business Manager; Rev. R. P. Johnson and Rev. Houston R. Morehead, members of the Council of Twelve; Rev. A. H. Batts, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Rev. G. W. Lane, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. E. E. Winters, of Flint, Mich.; Rev. W. J. Milligan, a

former overseer of Kentucky; and Rev. Ralph E. Day, Michigan state youth director. Their messages, together with those of ministers of Kentucky, were great sermons which reached out into the individual lives and on out into the world where they will continue to do good and influence lives.

The climax of the day services seemed to come on the last morning, when Rev. R. P. Johnson preached "From the Cradle to the Crown." The importance of the part played in a life by the parents, pastor, Sunday School teacher, public school teacher, classmates, middle-aged persons, and the elderly person was emphasized and the whole audience was moved to tears as they felt the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit and realized the responsibility upon each person, individually.

Rev. Ray Hughes, nationally known young evangelist, gave some outstanding lectures on the virgin birth and the Godhead, but his greatest contribution to the meeting was delivering the full-gospel, Holy-Ghost-filled messages in which he so forcefully fought sin in all its filthiness, degradation, and corruptness, and pointed to the blood of Jesus who "became low and caused the Divine Spirit to be robed in human flesh, took upon Him the same nature as I—to make reconciliation for our sins." Following these soul-stirring messages many gathered around the altar under the convicting power of the Holy Ghost, so anxious, so eager, so desperate for the redeeming grace of God. Many prayed through to definite experiences with the Lord.—Julia Daughdrill, State Secretary-Treasurer.



South Carolina Has First Great State Camp Meeting

in Greenville, S. C.

The first great state camp meeting of the Church of God in South Carolina convened on the beautiful new campground. Amid a surrounding of tall pines and stately oaks, the huge gospel tent was erected, where for ten days the praises of God's people rang in the true camp meeting style. The heavenly music, melodious singing, fervent prayers, and dynamic preaching were reminiscent of the early days of Pentecost. Time after time great billows of Holy Ghost power swept the mammoth congregation, as hundreds of voices swelled into gigantic "nagara" of praise.

Brother R. P. Johnson, our camp meeting speaker, was at his very best. His messages, freighted with real Holy Ghost power, were a blessing to the saints and seekers alike. Night after night the long altars were filled; and on into the hours of the morning, shouts of victory would gladden the hearts of all.

Congressman R. A. Bryson, Sheriff Homer Bearden, and Deputy "Babe" Riddle were present and made complimentary remarks concerning the work of the Church of God.

Brother H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer; Brother J. S. Brinsfield, Executive Missions Secretary; Brother Ralph Williams, National

Youth Director; Brother E. L. Simmons, President of Lee College; Brother R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer; Brother J. A. Muncy, Superintendent of Orphanage; Brother E. W. Williams, Overseer of North Carolina; Brother Clell Ray, Youth Director of Georgia; and a number of pastors from the neighboring states made a grand contribution to the success of the camp meeting.

Our beloved state overseer, Brother Zeno C. Tharp, moderated. The smooth operation of the many details incidental to a great meeting of this nature showed prayerful and careful executive ability.

The faithfulness of the various committees in performing their duties added to the enjoyment of all.

It would be impossible to tell of the many wonderful services in the limited space that I have; but the daily services for the children, the youth days, the L. W. W. B. program, the services conducted by our own South Carolina ministers, the early morning prayer meetings, and the daily Bible studies were all of untold value.

It was very noticeable how the interest increased as the camp meeting progressed. The last night the huge tent was filled to overflowing; and as one minister expressed it, "If this gets

any better, we will all go to heaven." Although hearts were saddened because of the end of the camp meeting, there is an eager anticipation for the next camp meeting, scheduled to convene June 28, 1949, if Jesus tarries.

—Linwood Jacobs.

"SOUTH CAROLINA HAD ONE, TOO"

For many years, we have been hearing of the wonderful camp meetings here and there and of the reports told of the high tide of spirituality and the wonderful crowds. Some of us were privileged to attend only a few of these for a day at a time, and some had never attended one at all until this year; but now the people of South Carolina can shout with glee, "We had one, too."

When we say, "What a camp meeting!" we're not just filling space. Brother, from the first song by that great choir and the first sermon by Rev. C. M. Jinkerson, of North Carolina, to the last sermon by Rev. J. R. Brewer, it was wonderful. We had a glorious time on the new South Carolina campground!

In the first place, we have a choice piece of property for a camp site. In the entire tract of land there are eighty-nine acres. In the site that is now being developed, there are twenty-six acres of woodland, and when that is filled with cabins, there is plenty of other space.

After months and months of hard work by our beloved state overseer and others, who worked faithfully, we were able to set up the large tent,

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HOME OF THE ALABAMA CAMP MEETING

This is a rear view of the large tabernacle located on Highway No. 11 between Birmingham and Bessemer, Ala., where the greatest camp meeting Alabama has ever had convened, July 6-15, 1948. This was the second camp meeting to be held in this new tabernacle, and though it seats several thousand people, many nights there were enough people on the outside to fill the already packed building again. God blessed wonderfully. At this time we do not have a detailed report of this wonderful camp meeting.

Mississippi Has Four Years of Continual Progress

Under the ardent leadership of Reverend W. M. Stallings, Mississippi has been making progress for the last four years. During this period of time there have been twenty new church buildings erected, sixteen parsonages built, thirteen churches and parsonages have been remodeled, and two church buildings are under construction now. These improvements have been made possible through the co-operation of the ministers, laity, and the L. W. W. B.'s.

The state parsonage, which is located on a corner lot in one of the finest residential sections of Jackson, is worth approximately \$12,000 and is almost paid for.

Mississippi has just purchased a campground consisting of thirty-six acres, with much good timber on it. The land is located eight miles east of Jackson, on Highway Number 80. Since buying this property, the value has increased \$50 an acre above the

purchasing price of \$105 an acre. Jackson, Mississippi, is the crossroads of the South and is certainly the leading and most progressive city in the South; therefore, to have the Church of God campground on the main highway into Jackson will publicize the Church of God in Mississippi as much as anything that has been done for many years. This land is paid for and we praise God for making possible the purchasing of it for a campground site.

The state convention, which convened June 17-20, 1948, was a success, with all its fine singing, inspiring preaching, and the shouts and praises of the saints. Every speaker seemed to be at his best. The Saturday night service, with Brother Christenbury and the young people in charge, climaxed the convention. There was estimated to be over a thousand people at this one service. The brethren on the entertainment committee

spared no time or means to see that the delegates were well taken care of. The finance board and the usher committee put their work over equally as well. Brother R. R. Walker, our General Secretary, seemed to be at his best in preaching and giving instructions to the ministry. His ministry was very helpful, inspiring, and uplifting. Being a "native son" of Mississippi, he was greeted by many friends and welcomed by all. He was accompanied by his wife, daughter, and son-in-law. The convention was visited by many out-of-state ministers and friends; among them was the Louisiana state overseer, Rev. John L. Byrd.—W. M. Stallings, Overseer.

I Love My Saviour

PULASKI, Va.—On May 28 I took sick, and by May 30 I was running a high fever with pain. I sent for prayer at our church. After Sunday School Brother and Sister R. J. Kirk and Sister E. C. Turpin came. They prayed, and the Lord eased the pain and raised me from my bed. I am up able to go about. I love my Saviour, and I want the world to know it. Bless His precious name!—Viola Hilton.



THE FLORIDA CAMPGROUND

At Wimauma, Fla., where so many wonderful camp meetings have convened, the most recent and one of the greatest being the one held there June 16-25 of this year. A report of this wonderful camp meeting was carried in the Evangel of July 31. If Jesus tarries, may many more such gracious gatherings be witnessed at the old Wimauma Campground.



Report of the California State Camp Meeting and Convention

The Golden State camp meeting and state convention of 1948 passed into history Sunday night, June 13, as the altar filled with numbers of hungry hearts for the deeper experiences of God, with the testimony that this was the best camp meeting, and with the largest attendance that the Church of God in California has ever witnessed. People came from everywhere, it seemed. Visitors came in from Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Oklahoma, Ohio, and from various sections of California, aggregating a total of approximately fifteen hundred. The people who came, came for a purpose, and they were faithful in attaining that purpose, that of praying and seeking the Lord. The early morning prayer service was well attended throughout the meeting, with more than two hundred present almost

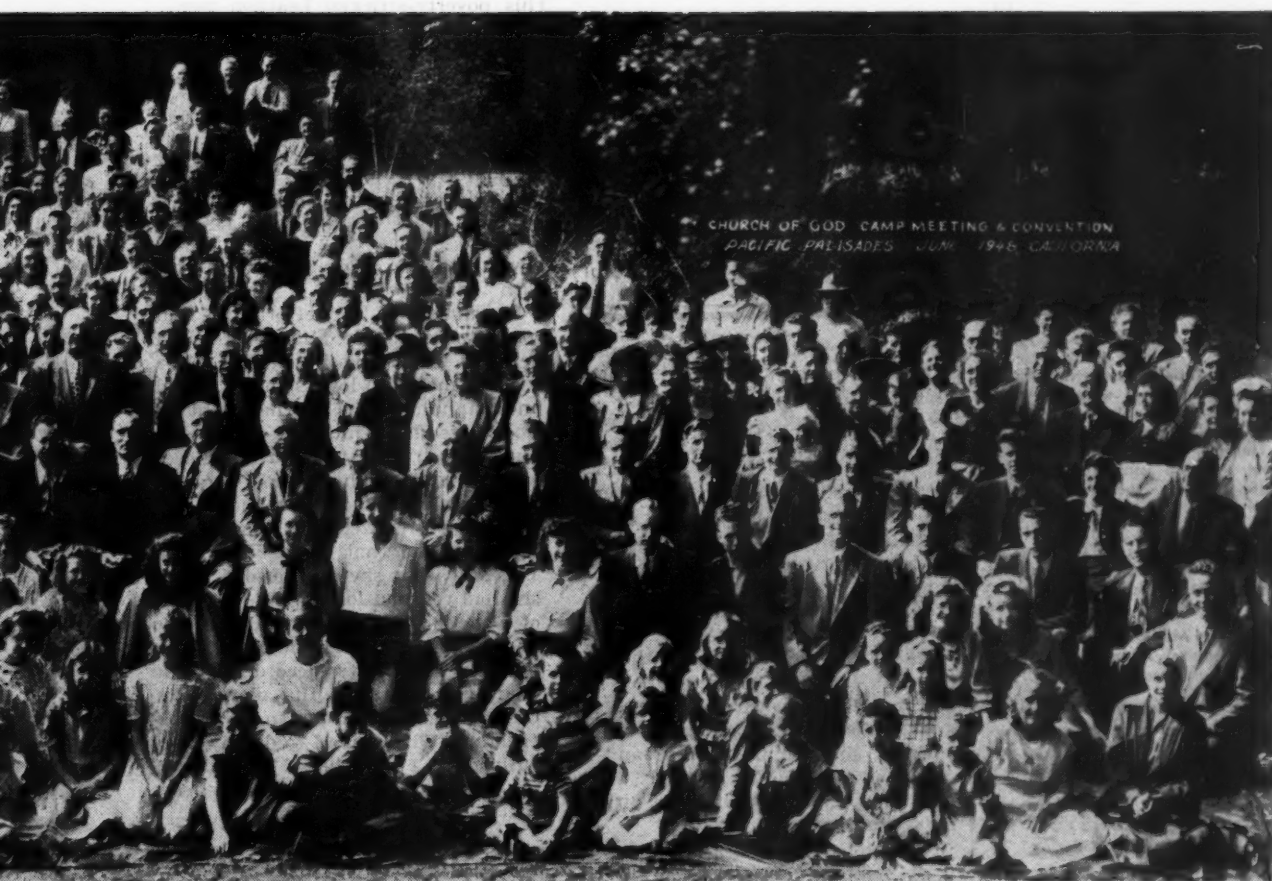
every time. The Lord graciously blessed the people as they sought Him with honest, sincere, hungry hearts. Many were healed in those early morning prayer services. One lady, a deaf mute, was able to speak and to hear after prayer. She spoke in tongues for quite some time as the prayers of the saints ascended to the throne of God.

Rev. J. H. Hughes, the highly esteemed and greatly beloved state overseer, presided in the meetings. Despite the fact that his body was tired from the heavy toils of the day, he was at his best, spiritually. Spiritual blessings always drive away the weariness of the physical man. The ministers of the State are conscious of the great indebtedness to the state overseer for the many hours of labor he has rendered in their behalf,

as well as the sympathetic spirit and willingness to serve in a wholehearted brotherly fashion.

The past year has marked great achievement in the Church of God in California. Several new churches have been added to the number, and these are functioning nicely. Nearly one thousand people have been saved during the year and many have come into the Church. For this we are grateful.

Rev. J. H. Steenburgh, state youth director, had charge of the song services, with the aid of Rev. Jack Rinker, Rev. H. G. McClain, and Mrs. Dokter. Several special singers were present to render aid when possible, among whom were the Oakland Quartet, the Porterville Trio, Rev. David Goff, the Hyde Park Quartet, Rev. and Mrs. Whitehouse of New Zealand, the Fresno Quartet, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Whipple, the Lindsay Trio, Rev. James Combs, and others. The convention was fortunate indeed to have the Weatherford-Stamps Quartet of Long Beach present



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on Tuesday evening. Mr. Weatherford, manager of the Quartet, said that they did not only sing Christian songs, but they tried to live the Christian life, also. The people sang with the Spirit and oftentimes the presence of the Lord came down and the singing was changed into shouts and praises to Him. In every service, the spirit of worship was prominent.

Rev. H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer, was present for the convention and spoke on "Meeting Our Task" on Friday morning.

On Saturday morning, Reverend Chesser used Psalm 1:1, "And He shall be like a tree," as a basis for his message.

Rev. R. H. Hughes was the evening speaker and his evangelistic messages, given under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, were powerful and persuasive, and men and women yielded their lives to God. His subjects were such as "Return unto Me," "The Love of His Appearing," "Is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost Absolutely Necessary, or Is

It Optional to the Believer?" "What Meaneth This?" "The Efficacy of the Blood," "The Need of the Sacrificial Life of the Believer," and "Why Will Ye Die?" His preaching was accompanied by the great power of God and the Holy Ghost.

The forceful manner in which these subjects were presented surely melted the hearts of sinners and many came to the altar of prayer. Brother Hughes has endeared himself to the hearts of the California people, and we trust he will be able to come back for our camp meeting next year.

One of the outstanding features of the camp meeting was the daily Bible study conducted by Rev. R. H. Hughes. The subjects discussed were: "Baptisms," "The Godhead," "The Church and Her Membership," "Once in Grace, Always in Grace," and "Tithing." Not only were these studies interesting, but they were uplifting and upbuilding to the membership of the Church of God in California, and the truths learned will not soon be for-

gotten.

Rev. Fred C. Kidd spoke on Tuesday morning, using the thought of the "Coming of the Lord and the Bride of Christ."

Among the visitors from Arizona was Rev. F. W. Goff, pastor of the Church of God at Phoenix. His message was on the subject "God Needs a Man." Brother Goff spoke under the precious anointing of the Holy Ghost and with the power of God manifesting the assurance a man has when he knows he is right. May his words never depart from the garden of memory of the ministers who heard his message.

Another interesting and inspiring message was that of Rev. J. H. Whipple, who spoke on "Faith."

On Wednesday morning the speaker was Rev. C. F. Meador with the subject "Grace and Law." As he spoke with firmness and sincerity, men were made glad that we now live under grace.

It was a cherished pleasure to hear

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Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature



J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary

Doors are now open for distribution of Bibles to the countries which have been crying for spiritual help. Requests continue to come to us for German, Hebrew, French, and Arabic Bibles, and we can purchase these Bibles now through the American Bible Society.

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MRS. GENG FINDS THE TRUE GOD

(This is a true story as told by Mrs. Marian S. Baltau, missionary to China. She and her husband are now representing missions in some of the Churches of God in Tennessee.)

"What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him," Hosea 14:8.

The early morning of a lovely spring day was simply indescribably beautiful. Red and pink cherry blossoms, white apple blossoms, and many other flowers, including the Chinese alm in full bloom, spread their rich fragrance over the yet sleepy town of Chengtingfu. The air was fresh and clear, while the sun bathed the pagodas and city walls in its life-giving beams. Such days made one happy to be alive.

But Mrs. Geng did not sense the beauty of spring. Her heart was heavy as she hastened on her way along the dusty dirt road toward the outskirts of the city. She was on an important errand and so preoccupied that her mind did not absorb any of the surroundings. Her only thought was of her own troubles. Mrs. Geng's sick husband was at the point of death, but he just must not die now while two of her children were yet young. She had three daughters which, in itself, is a misfortune in China.

Finally, she reached the temple to

plead for mercy on Mr. Geng's behalf. Still short of breath from her brisk walk, she fell upon her knees before the graven image, sobbing her woes unto the idol who, she believed, could help. "You can't let him die! Please let him live!" She lighted some incense to burn before the image, thus hoping to gain his favor so that her petition would be granted. She bowed lowly before the colorful form, trying to impress the urgency of her plea and sincerity of her worship by knocking her forehead on the ground with each bow. At last she stood to her feet and moved homeward, her eyes red and swollen from sobbing. Upon returning, she found her husband as weak as before. He died shortly thereafter, leaving her with three girls to rear unaided.

Sometime later, Mrs. Geng again made her way to the temple. She did not go to plead for mercy, nor was she in the mood for worship. Indignation was written on her face. She had at last learned her lesson and was now willing to denounce her faith in the image. When she entered the temple her eyes fell upon the grim, frightful forms so designed that one could scream with horror at the sight of them. "The fool I was to believe that this man's handiwork could ever hear and answer prayer," she mumbled to herself. She walked boldly up to the idol before whom she had once pleaded for mercy and spat upon it, saying, "Pei (a Chinese expression of disgust), I should have known you could not save my husband. I was a fool to come and ask you to restore his health. I will never come again, Pei." She was through once and for all with false gods. She had learned their futility through bitter experience.

As she walked homeward, despair gripped her heart. What was there now to live for? Her husband was dead; she had no sons to support her, only three daughters to rear alone.

This poverty-stricken heathen woman walked slowly toward her home where many tasks and cares awaited her. She was lonely, sad, and bereaved. A sense of emptiness possessed her as she presently noticed how a skinny dog dashed by, chased by someone who definitely was no admirer of pets. She also noticed the puny chickens scanting the roadside for some possible grain to eat as they cackled feebly now and then. She could sympathize with them now.

Despairing in her efforts to find contentment in life, Mrs. Geng found her way to the mission station. Here she was met with love, sympathy, and understanding. The eternal light of God's love shone into her dreary and hungry heart. That was a day never to be forgotten. She then understood the worthlessness of man and at the same time realized that only Jesus can save and that to the uttermost. This was what she had needed; what she had yearned for—a refuge in time of adversity. She had found the true and living God who could hear her petitions and answer according to the bountiful riches of His glory. Mrs. Geng could then truly and sincerely exclaim, "What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him." Later, her daughters, also came to know Jesus in the power of His might.

THE GEORGIA STATE CAMP MEETING

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Honor to whom honor is due: Brother Beaubé has truly made Georgia a noble overseer. He has proved his ability by the advancement and achievements the State has made in the past few years. Georgia has really come to the front and is climbing to higher heights daily. The body of ministers bespeaks the depth of their hearts when they say, "We want Brother Beaubé back as overseer for another assembly year." The present ruling of the General Assembly may prevent this, but we predict him success wherever he may labor next year.

On the closing of the camp meeting the tabernacle was thronged with several thousand people. Though this was the last service, the spirit of the meeting was as high as at the first service. May long live the Georgia camp meetings.—Clyde Cox, Reporter.

COVER PICTURE

Our front cover picture is that of the large new tabernacle on the campgrounds near Atlanta, Ga.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

The West Virginia state convention was held in Beckley at the Memorial Auditorium, July 23-25, 1948. It was blessed with the presence of such personages as the General Overseer, National Youth Director, youth director of South Carolina, Dean of Lee college, the pastor of the Church of God at Athens, Tennessee, and a number of others. The convention was under the management of the state overseer, and the attendance broke an all-time record. This convention was the grand climax of a very progressive and prosperous year for the State, which produced the following records:

New church buildings and value, 8 — \$60,000.

New parsonages and value, 6 — \$16,000.

Improvement on churches and parsonages, \$10,000.

Total improvement in State, \$86,000.

Property value in State last year, \$408,225.

Property value in State this year, \$494,255.

American Education week, \$766.54.

Lee College Day donation, \$719.74.

L. W. W. B.'s raised this year, \$18,374.65.

State convention offering for foreign missions about \$15,000.

State convention offering for Orphanage about \$5,000.

State convention offering for home missions about \$5,000.

Making a total state convention offering of about \$25,000.

(The above state convention offering figures do not include the district convention offerings or the regular 5% mission offerings.)

Everybody seemed to enjoy the convention, and the spirit of unity was very prevalent. We praise God for His blessings throughout the year.—George R. Cook, State Secretary and Treasurer.

	1947	1948	Increase
Membership	4,786	5,063	277
Revivals	214	330	116
Sermons preached	14,322	18,689	4,367
Homes visited	25,462	34,983	9,521
Souls saved	2,550	3,705	1,155
Number sanctified	1,119	1,670	551
Water baptisms	591	1,411	820
Baptized with Holy Ghost	652	1,145	493
Churches set in order	7	9	2
Number of exhorters	76	Increase of 23	
Number of evangelists	88	Increase of 7	
Number of ordained evangelists	21	Increase of 4	
Number of bishops	44	Increase of 1	

CONVENTION WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN

Another state convention for the State of West Virginia is now history, but the memory of those three blessed days will never be forgotten by those who attended this great convocation.

To say that this great convention was a success is putting it mildly. It seemed that the surrounding atmosphere was charged by the power and presence of the Holy Ghost. Cooperation, unity, and fellowship prevailed among the ministers and laity, but taking into consideration the able leadership of our highly esteemed and beloved state overseer, Rev. Paul H. Walker, things could not help but run smoothly.

The convention officially opened Friday morning, July 23, at 10 a. m.,

with prayer, singing, and a welcome address by Rev. Ray Morgan, pastor of the Beckley Church of God, and response by Rev. F. G. McAfee. After the devotional service, we were privileged to enjoy a wonderful testimony of healing given by Rev. William E. Buker, of New York. Friday afternoon, a tribute to aged ministers was given by Rev. W. E. Winters, followed by a sermon, "Youth and the Standard of Christian Living," by Brady Dennis, state youth director of South Carolina. Friday night, a youth service was conducted by George R. Cook, West Virginia state youth director, followed by a wonderful message by Rev. E. E. Winters, of Flint, Mich. Saturday morning, a L.W.W.B. report was given by Mrs. Paul H. Walker, state president, followed by an address, "The

Ladies' Willing Workers and Their Capabilities," by Evangelist Frances Dekle. High light of the Saturday service was the wonderful sermon by Rev. E. C. Clark, Business Manager of the Church of God Publishing House. Saturday afternoon, an inspirational address, "A Sunday School in Action," was rendered by John L. Meares, of Athens, Tenn., followed by a message, "Germany and the Church of God," by Brother Walter Lauster, recently from Germany. A colorful mission service was presented Saturday night, with a display of native costumes and heathen gods of stone from foreign lands, climaxed by an address "A Response to a Call from Abroad and Why" by Henry C. Stoppe and wife, our missionaries from the Island of Jamaica, B. W. I.

The convention was brought to a close Sunday at noon. When the state budget was totaled it amounted to \$23,607.55. Of this amount, 20 per cent was for home missions, 60 per cent for foreign missions, and 20 per cent for the Orphanage.

We appreciate the visitors who helped make this convention a success, including Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer; Rev. J. A. Muncy, Orphanage Superintendent; Dean E. M. Tapley; the boys' quartet from the Orphanage; the Meares Quartet of Athens, Tenn., and others.

The convention came to a close with a lingering feeling, "It was good to have been here."—C. R. Callahan, Pastor of the Church of God, Princeton, W. Va.

A SUCCESSFUL CAMP MEETING

The Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Eastern Virginia camp meeting began July 23. The opening service was a successful one, consisting of congregational singing, special singing, and a powerful message by the camp evangelist, Brother Ray Hughes. All day Saturday people continued to arrive, and by Saturday night and Sunday we were well on our way to the greatest camp meeting ever in this territory. Each day during the camp meeting, the state ministers, along with the visiting ministers, spoke well.

Each day was started at 6:30 A. M., with a prayer meeting lasting until 8 o'clock, at which time breakfast was served in the dining hall. At 9:30 we met under the tabernacle again for

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The Northwest Camp Meeting

Another great camp meeting in the Dakotas has come and gone, but long will live the memory of it in the hearts of all those who attended. We believe this was one of the best, and we truly praise God for the wonderful showers of blessings He bestowed upon His children. The campground was very neatly prepared for this great convocation, by the ministry and laity of the two states, and many improvements were waiting for us this year.

We feel that much of the success of the meetings was due to the untiring efforts of our camp meeting speaker, Rev. Paul H. Walker, our former overseer, and his wife and family, who spent the entire ten days with us. His heart-searching messages, filled with the unction and power of the Spirit, will never be forgotten, and the crowded altars after each service, even in the day sessions, showed the approval of God upon them. Their songs, too, were a great blessing to us all. One special service, the mission service, was a crowning success for God. After listening to Brother Walker tell of our great efforts in foreign fields, and also the great need, the people gladly gave of their finances, and an offering of about \$4,000 was given for this worthy cause. The Saturday night service, which was dedicated to our Bible School work, will never be forgotten, for after hearing of the need to have our young people in a spiritual environment while getting their education, and after Brother Walker brought vivid memories to our hearts as he told of the hardships and sacrifices through which the school was born, we raised a \$10,000 offering in cash and pledges toward the construction of Bible School buildings on our campground, and the Holy Spirit was descended upon us all, as waves of glory fell time after time throughout the large tabernacle. Even though we had no evening message, the greatest altar service of the camp meeting followed this offering, and numbers prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. About fifteen in all received the Pentecostal experience, and many were saved from sin. We could never number the ones who were re-filled, reclaimed, and revived to a new zeal and desire to go on with the Lord for His cause. One thing that impressed us so much was the num-

ber of children who were definitely saved and so many received the Baptism.

The services were under the direction of Rev. T. M. McClendon, state overseer, and he was assisted by committees of the local ministry who helped in every way, from cooking to finances. The music committee had a fine program every service, of talented singers and musicians. Some of those were: Miss Lillian Savchenko, soprano; the Klautd Quartet; a mixed quartet; Meyers Trio; Brother and Sister Irwin; Brother and Sister Brostrom; Brother J. N. Evans; the Mo-bridge Trio; Brother and Sister Paul Walker; Brother and Sister Ed Yecha and Brother McDuhan from Bible School in Canada; and the Peterson Quartet of Lemmon, S. Dak. There were others, also too numerous to mention. Surely, many of these songs will live on and on in our hearts. The fine orchestra added to the spirit of the meeting.

A divine healing service, Bible study every morning conducted by Rev. J. G. Hall, children's church each afternoon, water baptismal service, and Bible School testimonies were the other good things that the Lord had for us. We know that all these helped to enrich our souls and give us new inspiration to go forth in the name of the Lord, praying for more souls, greater victories, and higher heights in the work here in the Dakotas. We were blessed to have other former state overseers with us for a few days; namely, Brother David C. Boatwright, of Virginia, whose Sunday morning message will never be forgotten, and Brother Glyndon Logsdon and family, of Pennsylvania.

Following this camp meeting, many of the ministers and laity of the Dakotas drove up to our International Bible College at Estevan, Sask., Canada, where the Canada camp meeting convened July 6-14. Brothers Walker, Logsdon, H. L. Chesser, McClendon, and others spoke to us daily, and we were blessed to see souls saved here, also, and some received the Baptism. Here, too, Brother Walker spoke on "Missions" and helped in raising a mission offering of around \$2,000.

We were impressed by the fine buildings which our Canadian brethren have obtained, and they raised an offering for the school there of

about \$3,000. They have a wonderful radio broadcast over the big station at Moosejaw, four times weekly; and under the leadership of their overseer, Rev. James Reesor, the work in Canada is going forward.

Surely, we can thank the Lord for our camp meetings this year in this section of the country, and pray that if Jesus tarries, many more will be held from time to time.—Ralph M. Brostrom.

Notes by State Overseer, Rev. T. M. McClendon

The Northwest camp meeting of the Church of God is a very important occasion with the people of North and South Dakota, and Saskatchewan, Canada. This year it was said by many to be the best in many ways. The night speaker, Reverend Paul H. Walker, a native son of North Dakota, was a great blessing to all. His ministry, counsel, and instruction was in every way sound and very inspiring. The ministers of North and South Dakota were at their best in the day preaching. Also, the committees were on the job. The music committee was very faithful, and all seemed to put their best into their part of the program.

The altar services were especially blessed of the Lord, many times lasting till after midnight. A number were saved and about twelve or fifteen were baptized in the Holy Ghost; eight were baptized in water.

The finances were far beyond anything ever raised in any camp meeting in the history of the Northwest. The spirit of missions was made manifest in the fine response to the call for an offering; also, the Northwest Bible School building fund was set up to build our new school on the campground at Minot. This offering amounted to well over ten thousand dollars.

We had visiting ministers from Texas, Tennessee, Iowa, Maine, and Saskatchewan, Canada, and the home folks, of course. Also, we were happy to have with us for part of the camp meeting, Reverend D. C. Boatwright, and Reverend Glyndon Logsdon and family.

We feel honored to have the privilege to work with the people of the great Northwest, North and South Dakota.

A Great Camp Meeting at Benton, Ill.

Truly the camp meeting that was held on our state campground in Benton, Ill. was a history-making event. The spirit of fellowship that prevailed was unexcelled. One could hear remarks on the grounds and in the restaurants uptown, all through the meeting, concerning how great it was. When it comes to good old time

Preaching

it just could not be beat anywhere. Both the state ministers and the visiting preachers seemed to have a special anointing for the occasion. I have heard some of them preach on other occasions, but never like they preached here.

Reverend Houston R. Morehead, overseer of Michigan, was the special night speaker of the camp meeting, and his preaching was instructive and inspirational. Many have remarked that they had never heard such powerful messages, given out under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The altar was filled with seekers, many having to be taken care of by turning some of the seats across the front for extra altar room.

It seemed almost impossible to keep an accurate account as each pastor and church were working with and looking after those from their particular section. However, a number were reported as having received different experiences; with, of course, the greater attention being given to those who prayed through to the Holy Ghost baptism.

Brother Ralph Williams, our Na-

tional Youth Director, was not only a blessing in preaching, but in directing the singing and also rendering special numbers.

Reverend H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer, brought to us some of the best messages and instructions I have ever heard. They were the kind that go home with you and make you dig deeper and consecrate more to the will of God.

One of the first things I heard upon arrival in the State, after being appointed as overseer, was complaints about the campground. Apparently, some had talked of moving it every year until no one cared to invest money in improving it; but this year we decided to do something about it. With one mind and one accord we decided to make some

Improvements

on the ground and keep it. The deed was corrected, put on the uniform deed, and the area is to be surveyed and platted. Water and sewers are to be put on the grounds and a new tabernacle 80 by 120 feet is to be erected, as well as a new dining room and public rest rooms.

A planning board was appointed and given authority to proceed with the improvements, and the shaded area is to be laid out in lots 25 by 45 feet, with a ten-foot alley between. These lots are to be leased for \$35 each to those who plan to build before next camp meeting time (\$10.00 of this will be refunded if building is ready for occupancy before the

camp meeting). This lease will be good for twenty years, with a renewal option of ten years. Of course, there are certain restrictions, but they will be to the advantage of those who are interested in having a good camp meeting and doing right.

The Music and Singing

during the camp meeting carried with it a heavenly atmosphere. Our instructions ahead of time were "NO SINGING OR MUSIC FOR ENTERTAINMENT, BUT RATHER FOR WORSHIP." I do not believe we had a single person to demonstrate his voice and talents for the praise of men. All seemed to be in a mood of worship, and God surely honored it. I am made to wonder if the angels didn't join in sometimes.

Several of our brethren were kept out of the services most of the time because of their duties on the vigilance committee; but the wonderful

Order on the Grounds

was almost unbelievable. With the large 75 by 90 foot tabernacle filled to capacity at times, there were few on the campus, except the large group standing near the edge and worshipping with us, and one felt like he was making himself conspicuous when he had to pass by on business.

Largest Mission Offering Ever

Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, our Missions Secretary, was unable to be with us, but he sent in his stead Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Stoppe, who have been serving as missionaries in the Virgin Islands and Haiti and are at present in charge of our work in Jamaica.

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REPRESENTING VIRGINIA

This is a picture of the ministers of Virginia, the McClain Trio, of Washington, D. C., and Brother Horton of Charlotte, N. C., most of whom were in attendance at the Virginia state convention and helped to enjoy the wonderful blessings God poured out upon that great occasion. A report of this convention was carried in the Evangel of July 24.

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING . . .

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the discourse of Rev. Lemuell Johnson, superintendent of the Church of God in Washington and Oregon, on this wise, "I Am Debtor." At the end of the message everyone present felt that he should make more deposits in heaven's bank than ever before. Surely the Lord placed His approval upon it as praises went heavenward.

Rev. L. L. Hughes, superintendent of the Church of God in Oklahoma, was present and delivered a fine sermon on "The Church and Its Mission."

Sunday was Youth Day of the camp meeting, and we were fortunate indeed to have our National Youth Director of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, present. He spoke earlier in the week on "The Attitude of the Christian." Then on Sunday, Brother Williams spoke of the work of the young people in the Church.

It was a happy privilege to have present also Rev. Bill Lewis, president of Southern California Christ's Ambassadors, who spoke on Sunday afternoon, using that precious scripture, "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace," Psa. 144:12.

Rev. Jack Rinker had charge of the children's church each afternoon at 2 o'clock. He was assisted by Mrs. Ruth Rohrig and Miss Jacqueline Hughes in this all important task. The meetings were so interesting that they were well attended with an average of seventy-nine. The truths they learned from the stories, the flannelgraph board, and the Word will not soon depart from them.

Rev. H. L. Chesser moderated the meeting as the secretary read the annual financial report, after which it was adopted. The reports given by the district superintendents were interesting and were given in full, stating both the spiritual and financial progress for the year.

At 9:15, Sunday morning, the pastors and their wives and the clerks of the local churches were called to the front of the auditorium, inasmuch as the platform would not accommodate them. The state overseer expressed in endearing terms his sincere appreciation for the ministers of the state and prayed they would continue to carry on in the name of the Lord with their leader for the ensuing year.

Then the clerks of the local churches were asked to present to the pastors and their wives, love offerings, which were brought from the local churches, to aid them in going to the General Assembly in August. It was truly a time of expressed fellowship. Rev. I. L. Bengé, chairman of the finance committee, presented the state overseer and his wife with one hundred dollars, a love gift from the ministers of the State. Of course, this fell short of expressing their love or appreciation, but it was a small token of remembrance to them.

Dr. Hedrick, district representative of the N.A.E., gave a very interesting account of the National Association of Evangelicals Convention of 1948, on Thursday afternoon.

The camp meeting was held at the Presbyterian Conference Grounds, Pacific Palisades, in Temescal Canyon, just out of Hollywood. The location was lovely, the weather ideal, and Rev. N. Ross, manager of the campground, was certainly a fine Christian gentleman. It was a pleasure indeed to work with him. We thank God for him and his beautiful spirit of cooperation in every way.

To say the meeting was enjoyed by everyone would be putting it very mild, for there were many times when the blessed Holy Ghost came down in such marvelous ways that everything gave place to Him. More than once during the sermon, men would be so deeply convicted of their need of Him, they would not wait for the invitation, but went to the altar and sought the Lord with earnest hearts. One man was so convicted he could not walk, and asked to be taken to the altar. Soon he was shouting the praises of God with victory in his soul. There were hundreds seeking the Lord daily. When the time of departure arrived, it was with a feeling of deep

gratitude to God for His mercies and blessings, and much thankfulness and praise in their hearts, that the people bade farewell to the campground until next year, if Jesus tarries.—Esther Holland, Reporter.

A GREAT CAMP MEETING

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They were very able and interesting speakers, and with the interest already stirred by the testimony of Walter Lauster, from Germany, who is now attending our college in Cleveland, Tennessee, when he was with us over the week end, there was a real mission spirit. An offering of \$420.25 was brought up and put into the pans as the people passed by, which, when added to the amounts brought from the local churches made a total of \$3,041.77, or \$241.65 more than we had last year. This does not include the \$3,480.30 mission money raised in the district conventions, nor any part of it. If we had added this to the state convention offering, as some have done, and announced it all together, it would have sounded much higher.

Visitors

Among the visitors from out of state, besides the ones mentioned above were Rev. J. L. Goins, overseer of Ohio, and his wife; Rev. Henry, overseer of Missouri, and his wife; Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Kind, Rev. John O. Yates, Rev. Sumpter, and Rev. Yates, Jr., all of Missouri; Rev. and Mrs. George King of Dallas, Texas; Rev. Hughes Morehead and family and Rev. and Mrs. White, of Indiana; Rev. Ralph Koshwitz, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Day, of Michigan.

We were very happy indeed to have all these good people visiting us and, of course, they added to the good camp meeting.—*Illinois State News*.

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S. CAROLINA HAS GREAT . . .

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loaned us by the Tremont Avenue Church here in Greenville, to which we are very grateful.

Under the wise and capable leadership of our state overseer, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, we have been able to keep our indebtedness at the low minimum of \$10,000, even after purchasing twenty-two army buildings for cottages. I think that is remarkable. He has worked hard in every way to help us get the most for our money and to get ready for this camp meeting. Many nights, after working from 5 o'clock in the morning, he has gone home at 8 or 9 p.m., too tired to go almost.

I can't forget the faithful work of our state youth director, Rev. Brady Dennis. In fact, I can't name all who have worked hard preparing for this camp meeting; however, all of this was necessary, and we greatly appreciate those who cooperated.

The low indebtedness made it easier for us to enjoy the blessings of the Lord.

Another thing that added to the good spirit of the meeting was the unity that existed among not only the ministry, but the laymen as well.

The good messages of the camp meeting speaker, Rev. R. P. Johnson, made our hearts well up with ecstasy. We will not soon forget how he blessed our souls.

We are looking forward and longing for the next South Carolina camp meeting, if the Lord tarries.—W. L. Edgar.

A SUCCESSFUL CAMP MEETING

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the morning devotions. After this there were classes conducted for the youth under the able leadership of our state youth director, Rev. Kenneth Combs, assisted by Brother William Morris. The adults met in the dining hall and were shown mission pictures of the West Indies by Brother Carl Hughes, who so ably explained and lectured on mission work while the pictures were being shown. We feel that this was a contributing factor toward the largest mission offering ever taken in this territory. Each afternoon we met to worship and hear a good sermon by a selected speaker. Every night during the entire ten nights, Brother Ray Hughes preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and people by the numbers came to the altar to seek

deeper experiences.

We were privileged to have with us for the last week end Brother H. L. Chesser and family, Brother J. S. Brinsfield and family, and Brother Ralph Williams, from our General Headquarters. Brother Williams spoke to us Saturday morning and delivered a most constructive sermon to the youth and to parents regarding the youth. Saturday afternoon, we heard from the district pastors, how each church on their respective districts had prospered during the year. Brother Crank, our state overseer, reported that the State of Maryland had made the greatest gains ever and remained in first place in Group D in all departments excepting one or two. Saturday night the service was conducted by the colored brethren, under the direction of Brother James. Sunday morning Brother Brinsfield preached a soul-stirring message on missions and our responsibility to send the gospel to the heathen, after which Brother Hughes delivered another powerful message on missions and received the largest mission offering ever taken in the State. The cash offering was approximately \$1,500, and together with that brought from the local churches, the offering amounted to \$6,000. Sunday afternoon we were privileged to have Brother Chesser deliver a very instructive and admonitory sermon to the ministry, as well as the laity. Sunday night the convention closed with a most blessed

service, with people rejoicing, shouting, and seeking God. During the ten days of this meeting, we were very glad to have visitors from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Iowa, and West Virginia.

The camp meeting was superbly managed by our state overseer. Brother Edwin Tull did a splendid job of managing the dining hall and kitchen. The preachers worked together in love and unity as great as I have ever seen, to promote the greatest camp meeting ever in our State. I am sure that every minister and layman went away from this camp meeting endued with more power; endowed with more and greater Christian attributes; encouraged to live better, pray more, preach harder and better, until King Emmanuel appears, the trump of God sounds, and we who are alive and remain until His coming are caught away home ever to be with the Lord at the greatest of all camp meetings and conventions.—Raymond E. Crowley.

Wonderfully Touched

GRIFFIN, Ga.—I thank God for full salvation and for the good Holy Ghost that abides today. I thank God for His great healing power. I have been sick about four years with stomach trouble and my right side and the doctor said he could not help me. The Lord wonderfully touched my body. I am thanking God for it today.—Belle Hudgins.

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